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Amendment dated 05/18/2006

Reply to office action mailed 02/22/2006

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 3-6 have been allowed.

Dependent claims 7, 9, 14, 17, and 18 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 3.

In view of the amendments, the application is now in prima facie condition for allowance (only claims which have been allowed, and claims which depend from an allowed base claim remain in the case). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3-18 at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: mike@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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